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Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director of Central Intelligence  
2430 E. Street  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Each year on election day this office is deluged with complaints from Federal employees who feel that insufficient consideration was given to their desire to exercise their right to vote. These complaints have been based on lack of knowledge regarding the agency policy as well as on an insufficient time allowance.

I am sure you will agree that everything possible should be done to arrange for your employees to have sufficient time to go to the polls. It is an Americanism that should be encouraged in every way possible and the Federal Government and its agencies should take the leadership. I am calling it to your attention at this time, well in advance of the state and local election on November 8, 1955, in order that you might set an appropriate schedule for your employees and have ample time to give it full circulation throughout your organization.

As you know, it lies within the power of your agency to set the amount of leave for each employee within the limits of the Presidential Directive of July 24, 1948. I would be grateful if your decision could be made in the near future and your employees notified promptly in order that they may make their plans to vote. Further, I would appreciate it if you would let me know the schedule set for employees in the District of Columbia area at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you for your cooperation, and with kindest regards,  
I am,

Sincerely,

/s/  
Joel T. Brynhill, M.C.

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